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CELEBRATE NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Fowler, Meade, Plains and nearby Oklahoma points furnished quite a large visiting delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to participate in the ninety-fourth anniversary of Odd Fellowship of America, which was held in the opera house in this city on last Friday.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion, consisting of addresses by Mayor R. T. Nichols, Rev. Holshouser and R. E. Ward. Mayor Nichols delivered a very appropriate address of welcome, which was responded to by H. W. Lane, followed by very interesting and highly appreciated addresses by Rev. Ward and Rev. Holshouser. Rev. Bolton gave the opening prayer.

The M. E. Sunday school orchestra furnished music for the occasion and it was very much enjoyed by all those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The Fowler team, consisting of about thirty-five persons, conferred the first and second degree work and it was pronounced by those present that the team did honor to themselves and their lodge by the manner of gracefulness and ease in which they carried out that portion of the program.

The Rebekah degree was conferred by the Liberal lodge, after which delicious refreshments, which had

been prepared by the ladies of that order, were served and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all.

TO ERECT SCHOOL HOUSE AND CHURCH

Wm. Hyde and wife, and M. D. Hyde, his father, were down Tuesday from Satanta trading with merchants here, and he states that they have selected the site and will commence immediately to erect an \$8,000.00 school house and a \$4,000.00 church at their town.

He states that the Dodge City Commercial club who passed through their town last Wednesday on their way to Hugoton, ate up everything they had prepared for a lunch. He says that a great many settlers are coming up in that territory and a great deal of land will be broken up and farmed, and invites all his Liberal friends to make him a visit.

We desire to call your attention to the ad of C. M. Pierce which appears in this issue.

J. R. Stearns of near Hooker was a Liberal visitor on business Tuesday.

F. B. Stribbling returned from Tucumcari, New Mexico, Sunday. He reports having had to close down the picture show at that place for a short time on account of small pox.

A Deplorable Accident

The citizens of Liberal were greatly shocked on last Saturday, when they received the sad news of the accidental death of Mrs. Blanch Herold Wilcox, near Tyrone, on Friday evening. Mrs. Wilcox was formerly a resident of Liberal, and was but recently married here, moving with her husband to his farm, near Tyrone. Her untimely death was caused by the use of coal oil, but as no one was in the house with her the exact nature of the accident is not known. It is supposed she threw oil on the fire in order to hasten dinner, which she was preparing and it ignited her clothing. She immediately started for her husband, who was working in the field near by, but before she could reach him and he could render any assistance, her clothing had been entirely burned off. Every remedy that could be done with human hands was applied to the suffering woman, but the intense pain and shock soon carried her to that great beyond.

The funeral services were conducted at Hooker, by the Baptist minister of that place, and the remains brought to Liberal, where they were conveyed to their last resting place, by the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Democrat joins with the many friends in sympathy for the bereaved husband.

RESIDENTS ARE ANXIOUS

Next Monday, the 5th of May, the county commissioners will view a road asked for by J. T. Delay and others, beginning at the northwest corner of section 33-34-33, and running north to intersect the main road north from Liberal and passing a half mile east of the A. O. Edmunds crossing.

The residents along this line are very anxious to have this a laid out road, as most of the autos have been using this line up to a point within about two miles of the river and then have to drive west to the Edmunds crossing. It is thought they had just as well ford there as long as there was no bridge in sight, and a little work on the banks would make it a fairly good crossing, and while there is some sand near the river, it is no worse than the road south of the Edmunds crossing, which has been neglected the last few months.

The local auto owners should also arrange to mark the main traveled roads over the county. This will look much better as well as being a great assistance to strangers who pass through here.

Nearly all the counties east of here have their roads marked at the turn, and have put up signs directing travelers the best way to nearby towns, and as we are on a transcontinental this work is done at an early date.

Local and Personal

John W. Baughman expects to leave for Wichita Thursday and drive out his Winton car, which he has had repainted.

C. E. Hancock will move back on his farm north of town this week and put out a big crop of matze. Mr. Hancock has been doing the carpenter work for Elmer Tucker on his new house in the Glenn addition.

Mr. E. R. Ragsdale and wife and daughters of Plains came down last Saturday for a few days' visit with their daughter, Mrs. James Lathrop, on the Stouffer ranch north of Liberal.

O. T. Woods moved some 300 head of cattle from his ranch east of Liberal to T. E. Conrad's place the first of the week. Mr. Conrad had charge of his cattle last year on the Cimarron river in the north part of the county.

Mrs. A. F. Gorman of Plains spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. John W. Baughman, and attending a few parties here in town.

O. M. Woods and John W. Baughman made a trip to the northwest part of the county the first of the week to inspect some of the Santa Fe Land Company's holdings. Mr. Woods has in the past ten days sold over 5,000 acres of this company's land which is offered on an easy payment plan at 6 per cent interest. There is yet unsold a few thousand acres in this county, which will be taken up soon by residents here, and by a few eastern land men, who appreciate a bargain.

John D. Jones of Plains is at the Baughman office for a few days, during the absence of Mr. Geo. M. Glenn in Nebraska.

J. G. Trindle, the Seward County good roads booster and county surveyor, is urging the marking of the best auto road west from Hutchinson along the Rock Island railroad to Liberal and beyond, and in a few days expects to meet John W. Baughman at Pratt, who will bring his Winton home from Wichita, and these two men will log the road west of Pratt and arrange with automobile men along the way to mark the turns through to Liberal. This is a good movement and all should assist in the work.

We are informed that the Rock Island Company will add three more stalls to the local round house. The material is on the ground and work will be commenced immediately. Also, some other improvements will be started in the near future, the nature of which we were unable to learn.

Floyd Reas and E. S. Irwin made a business trip to Satanta and Kismet Tuesday morning, returning that evening.

"Wiggley" done it. Painted the bill of fare board and the ads at the Annex. It is a nice piece of work, and the ads and their arrangement show signs of an artist.

Anyone desiring dressmaking done, call phone 263 for information. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory.

Chas. Summers, Frank Summers, Frank Boles, R. E. Collin and H. E. Belt attended the Masonic consistory meeting at Wichita this week.

In this issue of the paper we call your attention to the advertisement of Atha Brothers. They are offering a shirt special for Saturday that will be of no small moment to those who are shirtless or about to become so. Read it, on the last page.

Now is your opportunity to buy that lot upon which to build a home. On another page appears the big offer. You will find it in the ad of Ellsaesser & Henry. Read it and remember the date of the big auction sale of town lots.

The Liberal Auto Company sold three Ford cars to residents of Grant County Tuesday; one to Hugoton parties Wednesday. This company is enjoying quite an extensive trade for the Ford. It unloaded a car of Fords Wednesday.

G. W. Nix left on No. 2 Tuesday for Excelsior Springs, where he will remain for a short period for the benefit of his health.

B. F. Freeman left yesterday for Sullivan, Illinois, his old homestead. This will be Mr. Freeman's first visit to the old home since he came to Liberal, eighteen years ago. He will, no doubt, be greeted with many strange faces and changes upon his arrival at the old stamping grounds.

Mrs. John Irwin of Hooker visited at the home of Mrs. H. V. Tucker Saturday of last week.

G. W. Sawyer transacted business of a legal nature in Hutchinson last of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, of near Arkalon, on Saturday, the 26th, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Hapky, near Lorena, Friday, the 25th, a boy.

Carey Wright, who recently left here for Hugoton to open up a restaurant, was a visitor in the city Tuesday. He reports that he is enjoying a nice trade at that place.

A number of Liberal citizens, who are lovers of horses will go to Forgan on the 17th, to witness a matched race between Lady Hanover and May Allen. The race is matched for \$1.00 a side, one-quarter mile dash, with catchesup.

A snappy little game of base ball was indulged in Saturday afternoon, by the Rock Island boys of Liberal and Pratt. The Liberal team won by a score of 23 to 8. A game is scheduled for next Sunday between the Rock Island boys and a pick up home team.

W. J. Eblin, wife and sister, with Chas. Swant and John Swant and two daughters and Alva Harville passed through Liberal Saturday en route to Indiana and Missouri. They are all residents of Hooker and are making the trip overland in their autos.

Mrs. John B. Fields returned to her home in Indiana Friday after visiting with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Chamberlain, for a short time.

Harvey W. Hill, the power behind the pen, on the Beaver County Republican, was a Liberal visitor for a short while Saturday of last week.

Mrs. P. S. Watkins of Hobart, Oklahoma, arrived Tuesday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Blanche Herold Wilcox.

Surveyors were busy this week on the tract of land belonging to Farmer Brothers, known as the ball park, dividing it up into lots and blocks, preparatory to selling it out as residence lots. Thus, will Liberal boast of the twenty-first addition to the city in the short space of seven years.

Doctors Jones and Higginbotham were in attendance at the medical meeting at Hutchinson last week.

Emil Harrison returned Sunday from Clinton, Missouri, where he has been visiting with his parents.

W. H. Cluter, Rock Island ticket agent at Dalhart, was a Liberal visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. and Harry Adams of Hooker, were visiting in Liberal Monday of this week.

Earl Cooper's Sunday school class gave him a nice surprise last Sunday in honor of his birthday.

April 30, at the Liberal Christian church occurred the marriage of John M. Frysinger and Carrie M. Read, both of Floris, Oklahoma. The services that united these two young lives, was spoken by H. F. Bolton, pastor of the Christian church, of Liberal. The young couple will begin the great art of home making on a farm a few miles from Floris, where they will be glad to welcome their friends. Congratulations are extended.

FOR SALE CHEAP—On long time, low interest, one second hand low farm wagon and one set second hand farm harness. See FARMER BROS.

P. & O. Canton lists, single, and double row. The kind you like, Liberal Hardware Company, Thos. W. Gaw.

Mrs. John Humberger, of Waterloo, Iowa, returned to her home Sunday, after a short visit with Mrs. T. A. Jones.

Miss Retta Downs, who has been in the employ of the Annex Cafe for a number of months past is taking a much needed vacation.

Dr. T. A. Jones has been absent the past few days in Kansas City on business.

Miss Maude Faust, who has been in Excelsior Springs the past two months for the benefit of her health returned home Tuesday night.

It is with a feeling of pride that the management of the Democrat announces the arrival of Miss Grace Morgan, of Fairview, Oklahoma, who will, in the future, be an attaché of this office, in the capacity of associate editor and solicitor. The editor of this paper has enjoyed the personal acquaintance of Miss Morgan for a number of years and feels no hesitancy in recommending her to our patrons and the public in general as a person of rare ability in the both mechanical and reportorial departments of a newspaper, she having held responsible positions on a number of leading weekly newspapers of Oklahoma, and as a lady of character and integrity she has no peers. Miss Morgan will make the daily rounds gathering personal items and other notes of general interest, which are necessary to make up a live newspaper.

J. T. Dalton returned Friday from Claremore, Oklahoma, where he has been for some time past, for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. Maddle Dixon, of Topeka, is visiting with her two sons, Arla and Clyde, at the Atha Brothers' store, this week.

J. H. Gracey, the efficient manager of the Cut Rate store, is purchasing goods in the east this week. Wait and watch. This store is looking out for its large patronage and will have something to show you in a short time.

News for Oklahoma Readers

For the benefit of our Oklahoma subscribers who make Liberal their trading point, with this issue we start in with a column of clippings from the neighboring Oklahoma papers, and also, on the inside pages, will be found a page of General Oklahoma news from the agricultural college and otherwise. It is our intention to make this a special feature of the paper and as soon as we can make necessary arrangements, we will have news from Beaver City by a special correspondent. This is a feature that has not heretofore been practiced by this paper, but will receive special attention in the future. Since there is a large volume of trade comes to Liberal from Beaver county and the Democrat enjoys a large circulation in those parts, we think it will be to the advantage of the advertisers of Liberal as well as of special interest to our readers.

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